

CORONER'S INQUIRY

Investigating Circumstances Attending Herman Lewis' Death.

TESTIMONY OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

Engineer Could Give No Information Concerning Accident.

THE FACTS AS SHOWN

An inquest was held today by Coroner Carr, at the sixth precinct station, over the remains of Herman L. Lewis, the young man killed early yesterday morning on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at the junction of the road with South Capitol street. It was not deemed necessary to hold an autopsy, the body being so frightfully mangled as to leave no doubt of the manner of death.

Many friends of the dead man, including his brother, Dr. Morris Lewis, were present at the inquest. Attorney Holtzman attended as legal representative of the dead man's family.

Deputy Coroner Glazebrook was examined as a witness. He found the body in the morgue very badly mangled. The deceased was apparently twenty-five years old. Both legs had been cut off, and his skull had been crushed. Witness examined the body this morning and detected a slight odor of whiskey. Death may have resulted from either of the injuries mentioned. There were also other minor injuries, and his torn garments were covered with coal dust and grease.

James C. Bayless, No. 422 1/2 street south-west, testified that he knew nothing of the accident. He said the deceased about twelve minutes before 3 o'clock yesterday morning, on 6th street near the end of the block, the depot witness was at the time engaged in his capacity as brakeman. He said the man was staggering, and instead of crossing over the tracks he walked between them, on the fence, and fell on the ties. Witness picked him up and put his hat on. He did not seem to be injured, and witness started down 6th street. The man, he said, was very much under the influence of whiskey and could hardly stand. Witness had seen the body in the morgue and recognized it as the man whom he assisted yesterday morning.

Sergeant George H. Williams of the fourth precinct testified that the body was picked up about ten feet east of the crossing. When he assisted in the work of putting the body in the patrol wagon he detected the odor of whiskey.

Officer Hutchinson's Statement. Policeman C. W. Hutchinson was in charge of the fourth precinct patrol wagon yesterday morning when the report of the finding of a dead man on the track was received. He assisted in lifting the body in the wagon. Witness said he smelled liquor, but he could not tell whether it was from the dead body or from some of the men who were helping. Later he detected the same odor in the wagon where the body was lying.

Charles W. Shetz, 208 M street south-east, a conductor on the B. and P. road, testified that he was standing on his engine, on the way to the New Jersey avenue yard, when he saw the body lying on the track. He believed the man was then dead. It was about 4:20 o'clock when he passed. The engine could not be stopped until it had gone over the body, and then witness and others went back to make an investigation. A whiskey bottle, he said, was picked up by the fireman.

When witness first saw the body it was in a mangled condition. There are gates at the crossing, the witness told the jury, and the watchman was on duty at the time. Questioned as to why the gatekeeper had not seen the man, witness said he could not give a reason. The gatekeeper, he said, said witness, but he thought a man on the crossing could have been seen by the gatekeeper.

Gatekeeper Dixon's Story. Joseph B. Dixon, gatekeeper at the South Capitol and Virginia avenue crossing, testified that he lowered his gates about 3:30 o'clock, and the track walker left him about that time. He stood on the crossing and looked both ways along the track, but saw no one.

"The man's body," said the coroner, "was about ten yards from your box. Did you see it lying there?"

"No, sir," was the response. "Witness explained that the man was on the west side and a little west of the crossing when struck, and was dragged more than forty feet. The gatekeeper said, were kept down, and the man could not have gotten on the tracks at the crossing."

"Don't people frequently dodge under the gates?" queried the coroner.

"Yes, sir," was the answer, "but no one dodged under the gates about the time of the accident, and I was on duty, and was watching the gates and crossing at the time."

James Biscoe, gatekeeper at the east gate of the crossing, testified that he said he knew nothing of the particulars of the accident.

In response to the coroner's questions, witness said he thought it was nothing strange that the man was not seen by Mr. Dixon or himself. The body, he said, was lying between the rails and it was not an easy matter to see it from the watchbox.

Engineer Lott Knows Nothing. Engineer William Lott, who was on engine 40 yesterday morning, was next examined.

"I don't know any more about the accident than one of you men," he said.

Witness added that he had been told blood stains were found on his engine. He said his engine passed over the crossing about five or ten minutes before 4 o'clock. He did not know that his engine had struck anybody, nor did he see the blood stains, for when he returned to the yard they had been removed. The engine was backing at the time the engine went over the crossing, and the fireman was on the back of the engine. He felt a little jar to the engine, but there are so many switches in the yard this was regarded as nothing unusual, and he paid no attention to it. There was a light on the rear of the engine, and the engine was going slowly because of the fog and also for the reason that he thought he saw some cars on the main track.

Timothy O'Connor, fireman on No. 40, said he thought the engine was running at from seven to ten miles an hour when the South Capitol street crossing was passed. There was a light on the engine, and witness was riding on the tender, but he felt no jar nor did he know anything of the accident.

Testimony as to Character. This closed the testimony so far as the coroner was concerned, and counsel for Lewis' family said he desired to offer some testimony concerning the character of the deceased.

John J. Duncan was first called. He testified that he had known Mr. Lewis for some time, and had never known him to drink liquor, nor had he ever smelled liquor on him. He had not been in the habit of detecting the fumes of alcohol on a man as much as twenty-four or forty-eight hours after death.

The Verdict. After a short deliberation, the jury returned a verdict that engine No. 40 had killed the victim, and found that the affair was an accident for which no one can be held criminally responsible.

The Palais Royal.

THE entire surplus stock of New York's leading maker and importer of Fine Neckwear, Summed up:—80c, \$1.25, \$1.48, \$1.75, \$1.98, \$2.89 and \$3.98 for Pompadour Ruches made to retail from \$1 to \$5 each. Combination Ruch and Shoulder Capes, \$3.68, \$3.98, \$4.68, \$5, \$5.98, \$6.98, \$8.48, \$10 and \$12 instead of \$4.50 to \$18.



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HEAVY Black Silk and Cut Jet Jackets, more or less elaborate. None imported to retail less than \$3.98; many are \$5 Jackets. Choice for only \$1.29. Regular patrons will remember the scramble for the last lot and the disappointment to many because nearly all were white. All the late arrivals are black. There'll be another quick distribution. Regular patrons are advised to hurry here Monday.

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The fashionable Pompadour Neck Ruches of black satin, silk net and ribbons. Also the Twice-around Neck Scarfs with pleated ends. Also Man-like 50c Neckwear—choice for 39c.

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for \$1 Ruches.

The well-known various styles of \$1 Pompadour Ruches. Also the "Twice-around" Black and White Liberty Silk Scarfs, with plaited and lace ends. Also \$1 Silk Dress Fronts. Choice for 89c.

48c for Various Neck Pieces.



All styles, some bolero, some yokes, some reverse effects. Most are of grass linen, appliqued. Some, intricately beaded. Others, less elaborate, are not worth more than \$1. We bought the lot cheap, very cheap. And so we sell—48c for choice.

With the improved railroad facilities, Ocean City will be reached next summer in about 3 1/2 hours.

100 Choice Lots at Ocean City, Maryland, Will Be Sold, Without Reserve, At Public Auction, At C. G. Sloan & Co.'s Auction Rooms, beginning MONDAY EVENING, November 15th, at 8 o'clock.

Ocean City, Maryland, with its WEALTH OF NATURAL ADVANTAGES and its accessibility to Baltimore and Washington, is rapidly developing into one of the LEADING SEASIDE RESORTS on the Atlantic coast. Many thousands visited Ocean City, Md., the past summer in excess of any previous season, and many handsome summer homes have been built.

But we want Ocean City to grow faster. To get more people interested in its development, we will sell at public auction, WITHOUT RESERVE, at time and place above stated, 100 choice lots (every other one) fronting 50 feet by a depth of 142 feet.

The alternating lots cannot be bought FOR FIVE TIMES what the lots adjoining them will bring at this sale. You can, therefore, see at a glance what an opportunity is held out to YOU, either for building or investment purposes.

Terms of Sale: One-fourth cash, balance in 6 and 12 months, WITHOUT INTEREST. The notes for the deferred payments will be deposited at SECOND NATIONAL BANK of this city, and a deed given when last note is paid.

John F. Waggaman, 700 14th St., Washington, D. C.

Large painting in colors of Ocean City and diagram of lots can be seen on evening of the sale or at my office at any time.

Bids will be received by letter, and any further information desired will be given on application.

INDORSES THE FINDINGS.

Citizens' Northwest Suburban Association Approves Highway Appraisers. A largely attended meeting of the Citizens' Northwest Suburban Association was recently held at St. Ann's Hall, Tenleytown, and a resolution, offered by Louis P. Shoemaker, endorsing the findings of the jury of appraisers in the Denison and Leighton case under the highway act, was unanimously adopted.

The resolution, after reciting the action of the jury, was to the effect that "the report and the reasons given in support of the same are clear, strong and equitable and present a fair and practical construction of said act, especially the general benefit clause in section 15," and the findings and reasons of the jury are fully endorsed and approved. It was further stated that "it was a part of the contract between the citizens of the United States, when the highway extension act was passed, that the United States would, in good faith, pay one-half of the assessment for property taken under said act, where the jury find, as a matter of fact, that there were no general benefits to adjoining land as set forth in section 15 of said act."

Mr. C. C. Lancaster at the same meeting offered a resolution, which was referred to the executive committee, for a report at the next meeting, to the effect that as "the Citizens' Northwest Suburban Association was lately organized for the purpose of advancing the interests of property owners in the northwest section of this District, embracing the territory west of Rock Creek, and for the further purpose of attracting legitimate investments of capital to improve said territory, justly conceded to be one of the most healthy and

SONGS OF THE NATIONS.

The Epworth League of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church gave a novel entertainment in the Sunday school room of the church last evening, national songs being sung by young ladies in appropriate costumes suggestive of the countries which they represented. At the close of the musical part of the entertainment light refreshments were served and a social time was enjoyed. The following program was rendered: America, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," Miss Bertie Thompson; England, "Rule Britannia," Miss Gibson; Scotland, "A Mile From Edinboro' Town," Miss Ethel Bloodgood; Ireland, "Kathleen Maureen," Miss Edna Fitzhugh; France, "Marseilles," Miss Grace Altsch; Germany, "The Watch on the Rhine," Miss Belle Smith; Italy, "Oh, Italia, Italia, Beloved," Mrs. Dr. Leech; Spain, "A Gypsy Maiden," Miss Beanie Driver; "Star Spangled Banner," Miss Bertie Thompson.

Speed Too Rapid. Joseph Lesser was in the Police Court today, charged by Policeman Robertson with riding a bicycle across intersecting streets at a greater rate of speed than six miles an hour.

"I was keeping alongside a street car," was the defense of Lesser. "Five dollars fine," ruled Judge Kimball.

Appointed Transmittal. H. W. Brewer has been appointed transmittal in the highway extension department of the District government at \$5 per day.

The Palais Royal.

Quite content that every other merchant shall be a "leader," have largest stocks, best goods, lowest prices—on paper. In the meanwhile we are earning and receiving greater patronage—than ever before—mainly because our cash business is most potent when manufacturers are overstocked. Our "buyers" are sent to the wholesale markets, with ready money to buy for us. Witness the late sensational sale of Millinery Goods. Forty-two clerks required yesterday just to sell birds, feathers, ornaments and ribbons. And Monday will witness almost as exciting sales in other departments.

High-Class Dress Goods.

Brother merchants who bought largely earlier paid the wholesaler the prices we now can quote you at retail—and we offer new and fresh stocks that include all the wanted styles, colors, etc.

Wool Dress Goods.

\$1 yard for the well-known \$1.25 and \$1.50 fabrics—the best of 50-inch Illuminated Poplins, 50-inch English Coverts and Two-tone Whipcords.

All the wanted shades in Poplins and Covert Cloths. The Two-tone Whipcords come in olive and brown, green and black, heliotrope and green, tan and brown, blue and black, violet and olive, green and blue, violet and gray, gray and purple.

93c yard for the fashionable \$1 and \$1.25 cloths, more than fifty styles in all.

See the 48-inch Silk and Wool Epaulettes, the 48-inch Figured Velours, the 48-inch Silk and Wool Matisse Effects. Blacks, too.

39c yard for best of 50c and 68c Suitings, some of which are wonderful copies of \$1 fabrics.

See the Silk and Wool Fancies, Matisse effects, the Tailor Suitings, the copies of English Checks, the Fancy Chevrons, the French-like Bourettes. All at 39c yard.

The Linings.

9c yard for the usual 12c Percale Skirt Lining—in black and all colors.

75c yard for 20c quality Linea Canvas for skirt facing; 20c instead of 25c yard for Black-back Fancy Satine for waist lining. (Continued above.)

Palais Royal, A. LISNER, G & 11th.

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Best Silk Velvets. \$2.50 yard for 24-inch Black Velvets worth \$3 yard. And only \$2 yard for a few pieces of 32-inch Black Silk Velvets worth \$2.75 yard.

It is hoped that connoisseurs of good Velvets will appreciate these less than current prices—so seldom quoted.

\$1.25 yard for \$1.50 quality Silk Velvets in black and one hundred shades.

75c yard for the popular \$1 Black Silk Velvets is a "special" that will be eagerly profited by.

69c yard for 75c Velutina. And only \$1 yard for the well-known \$1.25 quality.

Black and one hundred and fifty shades in each of these two lots of famous Velutina. Street and evening shades.

Imported Garnitures.

75c and \$1.25 for "drummers'" samples of garnitures, worth \$1.50 to \$4.50 each.

In the lot are Stomachers, Boleros, Yokes, Reverses and Vest Fronts of Jet, Pearl, Silk and Mohair Brains. (Continued above.)

The Palais Royal.

WHEN, through lack of knowledge or willful intent, inferior garments are made to appear best, then is it useless to describe the best in a newspaper. We can only ask a visit, promising garments that ladies of culture, wealth and refinement will thoroughly appreciate. Prices much reduced because our chief maker of tailored garments has handed us his surplus stock prior to sailing for Europe, where he is to learn of coming spring styles.



The Palais Royal.

One of Many.

\$13.25.

Some worth \$20.

\$20 for \$35 Jackets.

Twenty of these garments, in tans, blues, greens, browns, Russian blouse and fly-front effects. Plain, braided or trimmed.

\$16.75 for \$20 to \$25 English Coats and French Jackets—model garments, exquisitely made and finished. Eighteen of them.

\$6.98 for \$8.50 Roman Stripe Silk Waist, and \$5.98 for \$8 Black Broadened Dress Skirts. As much and more is written of cheaper garments. You need to make comparisons by sense of sight.

\$44 for \$60 Costumes.

Six costumes. Some plainly tailor-made, some with rich trimmings and Persian lamb bands on skirt. Worth seeing.

\$7.48 for Tea Gowns, made to retail at \$12. Made in French styles, being the acme of grace. Red, pink, blue and lavender. Only one of each.

\$1.89 for the usual \$2.25 Electric Seal Neck Scarfs, with five marten tails. These are furriers' furs—not the trash glowingly described in many advertisements.

66c for \$1 Wrappers.

Flannelette Wrappers, in French designs and colorings. Yoke back and front, girdle at waist. Sizes 32 to 44. See illustration.

Another lucky purchase enables 84c for the usual \$1.25 Eiderdown Sacques—the best non-shedding material, superior make, finished with large and heavy silk frogs.



Hecht & Company, 515 Seventh street.

Just see what we've done now, ladies!

We divided that maker's stock of coats, capes, suits, skirts, &c., amongst our three stores and you took those here so quickly that we have arranged with one of the Baltimore stores to take half of the lot which went to them.

That gives you an entirely new variety and line of sizes in the most distinctively stylish garments of the season, and you've only

a fraction of their regular prices to pay for them, which makes the opportunity so great that you cannot afford to ignore it.

We've never known of such wrap selling as has been going on here for the past week, and we've never been so highly complimented as we have on this offering.

The easy payment privilege if you wish it—for which you've nothing to pay.

JACKETS. CAPEŠ. SKIRTS, SUITS & WAISTS.

Ladies' jersey jackets—have new fly fronts—new coat backs—well attached seams—storm collars—richly finished with button holes on the neck—flap pockets—to go \$2.98

Ladies' black jersey cloth capes, with Watteau back—velvet lined collar—strap across—4 rows of stitching and finished with small silk buttons—\$5 values—to go \$2.98

Lot of striped camel's hair skirts—made splendidly—perfect hang—velvet lined—bound and lined with percale—\$2.50 values—to go \$1.29

Exquisite broadened satin dress—made splendidly—perfect hang—velvet lined—bound and lined with percale—\$15 values—to go \$9.98

Black boucle tan covert or a black jersey all-silk lined jacket—made with all that is newest in style—coats such as many stores are selling for as high as \$12—for \$5

Ladies' Seta's best silk seal plush capes—guaranteed—the latter have Watteau pleated skirts, and both are trimmed with Angora fur and lined with rhadame silk—worth no less than \$7—for \$4.98

Handsome broadened gros grain skirts—best of linings and velvet bound—with the stylish hang—\$9 values—to go \$6.98

A fine black brilliantine or serge skirt, which it is impossible to duplicate elsewhere under \$5—lined throughout with rich quality made-up velvet bound—perfect in hang—for \$3.98

Ladies' black, blue, tan and green jersey cloth coats—with velvet lined collar—flap pockets—lined with different high colors of satin—for \$10

Exquisite electric seal capes—full sweep—just such as the best—worth \$15—to go \$15

Handsome electric seal collared—lined with silk—full ripple sweep—high collar—\$4.50 values—to go \$2.19

Handsome black and changeable taffeta silk waists—new pleated yokes and Russian blouse fronts—for which every one will ask you \$7—here for \$4.98

Lot of plain and also lot of braided and jet-trimmed silk seal plush capes—guaranteed—the latter have Watteau pleated skirts, and both are trimmed with Angora fur and lined with rhadame silk—worth no less than \$7—for \$4.98

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Johnson Bros., 1206 F St. 1515 7th St. 3d and K sts. 100-104

To Enforce a Contract. A bill in equity has been filed by the Washington and Great Falls Electric Railway Company against Emily Jane Reeser and others, to enforce specific performance of an alleged contract for the conveyance of certain land. Attorney Clarence A. Brandenburg, represents the company.

Next Show Cause. Harry W. Lewis, a colored school teacher, has been ordered by Judge Haguer to show cause on or before the 12th inst., why he should not be adjudged in contempt of court for failing to pay his wife, Estelle Lewis, alimony allowed her by the court.

Invitation to Graduates. There was a meeting Monday, October 11 of the graduates of the Immaculate Conception Academy interested in the alumni association recently organized. Owing to the fact that the addresses of some of the early graduates were not known, a number were not notified of the meeting, and a general invitation is therefore extended all to attend the next reunion meeting. Monday, November 8, at 8 p.m., in the school hall on N street.

MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL.

Counsel for Ex-Policeman Williams to Take Action.

Counsel for Dan Williams, the ex-policeman who was convicted last Wednesday of embezzling fines collected by him for the District in the Police Court, stated this morning that they will file the expected motion for a new trial some time today. The officers are as follows: Charles C. Lancaster, president; John W. Thompson, first vice president; J. MacBride Stierrett, D. D., second vice president, and J. W. Ruppel, M. D., secretary and treasurer.

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Picture Department.

The picture department at Woodward & Lothrop's is low attracting much attention among lovers of art. A year ago the display of this department was confined to a very small space. Now the entire 10th street wing of the fourth floor of the building is taken up with a splendid display of pictures and picture frames, there being 60 kinds of picture moldings in stock. Mr. Robert S. Sharp is in charge of this department.

"Want" ads in The Star pay because they bring answers.